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In re Patent Application

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Examiner: J. Parkin

For: **METHODS FOR THE RECOMBINANT PRODUCTION OF ANTIFUSOGENIC
PEPTIDE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH RCE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Nutley, New Jersey 07110
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Dear Sir:

This RCE and Preliminary Amendment are in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 7, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Since Applicants have already previously requested and paid for a 2 (two) month extension of time in conjunction with the filing of the March 6, 2009 Amendment After Final, Applicants respectfully request an one (1) month additional extension of time for the filing of this RCE. With the extension of time, this Amendment is timely filed. Entry of this Amendment is earnestly requested to place this case into condition for allowance.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 7, 2008, Claims 1-5 stand currently pending. Claim 1 has been amended.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows: